



Report of the VP External to SSMU Council

Government affairs

1. TaCEQ

- a) Website development is coming along. We've finalized the content of the website in both languages and the TaCEQ now has a logo. Over the next few weeks I will be working with the webmaster we've hired to put together the site ready for the November 21st launch.

2. Campaigns

- a) Fill the Hill C-Day October 24th: The environment commissioner Ari Jaffe and I organized two buses to bring McGill students to a demonstration on Parliament Hill calling on action on climate change. Fifty McGill students took the buses and we had a successful demonstration. SSMU should continue to support such initiatives and campaigns.

Community Affairs

3. Community Action and Relations endeavor/effort/enterprise

- a) Met with representative from MPCC on October 21st to continue community outreach and plans for undertaking consultation and developing a long term plan and blueprint for SSMU community relations. We will be putting together an outline of who will be consulted and timeline for actions. This discussion
- b) Completed, with help of VP Brown, the SSMU postmortem on the community relations side of Frosh 2009. The postmortem outlined successful and unsuccessful areas relating to SSMU, the froshes and the community, and reflected on solutions. This is matched by a postmortem from the MPCC. Both will be base upon which we will build the CARE.

4. Milton-Parc Holiday Fair

- a) In keeping with my belief that there needs to be more quality interaction between students and long term residents of the Milton-Parc neighbourhood, SSMU will be putting on a Holiday Fair in the neighbourhood. So far we have a location and a date, December 4th, last day of classes. My goal is to have craft vendors, choirs/music, carnival games, food and hot drinks. Much of this will be brought and sold by students and community members.

5. Municipal Election page on website

- a) I put together a digest page on the Municipal election in order to better inform the McGill students about the major parties and their candidates. It is linked to the SSMU



front page and was sent out in the listserv. If you or your friends are looking for information on the parties, check out the site.

Other

6. Hiring

- a) Hired Fred Burrill as campaigns coordinator for the rest of the academic year. He is very experienced in campaigning and raising awareness and will be a great help to me.

7. External Affairs Committee

- a) First meeting on October 26th 2009. We will be moving ahead with a plan to review SSMU's provincial and federal lobbying strategies, education policies and general engagement strategy. This will require all hands on deck to review and report on all facets of postsecondary education related policy and programs.
- b) I will be striking a new (old) committee, the *Student Community Affairs Committee*, or SCAC, with interested member(s) of the External Affairs Committee to specifically work on community affairs side of portfolio

8. Important dates/events

- a) November 1st: Montreal Municipal election
- b) November 21st & 22nd: TaCEQ launching GA and Table des associations
- c) December 4th: Holiday Fair in Milton-Parc

Respectfully Submitted,
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